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**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT**

Jeffrey L. Pridemore  
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Pridemore Construction, Inc.

Salida, Colorado 81201-9565

Re: Jeffrey Lee Pridemore, DOI Case No. 10-0012-00; and Pridemore Construction, Inc., DOI Case No. 10-0012-00

Dear Mr. Pridemore:

This is to inform you of my decision to terminate the captioned proposed debarment actions. By Notices dated November 19, 2010, the Department of the Interior (DOI) proposed to debar you and Pridemore Construction, Inc., (PCI), of which you are the Chief Executive Officer and owner. DOI based the proposed debarments upon information in an Action Referral Memorandum (ARM) from the DOI Office of Inspector General Recovery Oversight Office, Acquisition Integrity Unit (OIG) provided to you with the Notices.

The ARM set forth information about your and PRIDEMORE's repeated failure to comply with quarterly reporting requirements under Section 1512 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), a condition of receipt of ARRA funds and the DOI Bureau of Land Management ARRA Contract No. L10PX02318. The noncompliance continued over three quarters notwithstanding telephonic and email communications to you and PCI from DOI contracting personnel about the reporting requirement and non-compliance status.

Debarment is first and foremost about the present rather than the past. Debarment is an administrative action taken to shield the government prospectively from individuals and entities who, because of waste, fraud, abuse, noncompliance or poor performance, threaten the integrity of federally funded procurement and non-procurement activities. The remedy addresses present responsibility with regard to participation in federally funded work. It is used to protect government procurement and nonprocurement program interests only where truly warranted.

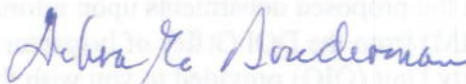
The facts set forth in the ARM establish the existence of cause for debarment of you and PCI under 48 C.F.R. § 9.406-2(b) (1) (i), and/or § 9.406-2(c). The existence of cause for debarment is the starting point for evaluation. Information presented for the record in response to a notice,

indicating the presence of mitigating factors, altered circumstances, remedial measures, or other actions by the contractor that address present responsibility, is also evaluated in reaching a decision on debarment.

You and PCI did not contest the DOI notices of proposed debarment. Failure to contest a notice of proposed debarment within the thirty day reply period stated in the notice ordinarily results in imposition of debarment without further proceedings. In this instance, however, the OIG has provided supplemental information by email dated February 2, 2011, which indicates that in January 2011 you and PCI complied with the ARRA reporting requirements by submitting the missing quarterly data.

The record indicates that you and Pridemore have acted to effectively remediate the ARRA quarterly reporting delinquencies which gave rise to the notices of proposed debarment and now understand the importance of and need for future timely reporting. Accordingly, the DOI notice of proposed debarment for you and for Pridemore Construction, Inc., is withdrawn, effective the date of this letter. The DOI proposed debarment action award ineligibility entries for you and Pridemore on the Excluded Parties List System will be promptly changed to reflect the action termination.

Sincerely,



Debra E. Sonderman, Director  
Office of Acquisition and Property Management

Enclosures

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